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Racing is in full swing in Indiana. Several of the new first crop trotting stallions got their first winners at Converse and the second session of the Indiana Sired Fair Circuit produced two new track records. The “Quest for the Governor’s Cup” is taking on a whole new look this season, and the series has been energized by the efforts from several entities, including the Indiana Standardbred Breed Development, the Indiana chapter of the U.S. Harness Writers Association, and board members of the ISA. Great job by everyone to push the series into the next level.

This issue will feature some new faces on the Indiana circuit. Bill Beechy has long been associated with racing, but his crossover to Standardbreds has been a profitable affair. His retirement job has suddenly turned into a full-time job that is producing top flight winner after winner. First Turn Stables is back with another new batch of owners connected with trainer Missy Essig. Also, Trainer Matt Rodriguez earned his first Indiana training win this spring, and the gelding Big Gulp is featured. The now four-year-old has been intriguing since stepping onto the track as a two-year-old and age seems to just keep him getting better and better.

Following a full spring of late closers and series action, Indiana Sires Stakes got underway during the first of three special holiday cards. The Memorial Day extravaganza brought out racing fans of all ages who enjoyed all types of activities, including some speedy performances on the track.

The first five months have proven to be an exciting start to the Standardbred racing season in Indiana. The momentum continues and all early indications are we are all in for a thrilling season of harness racing in 2022.
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Bitten by the Bug

Bill Beechy transitions from Trottingbred ponies to Standardbreds

By Kimberly A. Rinker

Bill Beechy got bitten by the harness racing bug late in life. The Millersburg, IN native, now late into his sixth decade, trained and drove Trottingbred ponies for years before taking the plunge and purchasing his first Standardbred in 2013.

Bill Beechy is enjoying retired life with a new passion of Standardbred racing.
Photo by Dean Gillette
“I grew up in Elkhart County,” Beechy offered. “My family wasn’t into horses much. We had a couple of ponies that we rode and drove around the farm, but that was pretty much it.”

Beechy started racing Trottingbred ponies on the Indiana circuit while maintaining a full-time job as a wholesale chemical salesman.

“I was in the retail farm supply business with a fertilizer plant of my own,” Beechy said. “We went through some pretty tough times with high interest rates and farmers going broke. I had started the business when I was 18 and then sold it to Helena Chemical Company in 2003 and finally retired three years ago.”

Beechy stated that being a salesman allowed him to pursue his passion of racing his Trottingbred ponies throughout the Hoosier State.

“I bought and sold more than 300 ponies over the years,” Beechy recalled. “We helped to organize some Trottingbred exhibitions at Hoosier Park during their early years and I assisted with one of the first Harness Horse Youth Foundation (HHYF) camps there. Steve and Jay Cross were my mentors early on. I bought a pony stud from them who was quite successful and the first year I trained ponies I trained at Steve’s dad’s place.”

Beechy began attending the harness races at LaGrange with his brother-in-law in 2011.

“I had kind of won everything you could win with the ponies,” Beechy noted. “We had three different stake series and at our annual banquet one year I had won two stakes of every division and got so many awards that people were making fun of me. I really found the Standardbreds interesting and figured they were just bigger versions of the ponies I had been racing.”

Beechy, along with his friend Dave Ferch, purchased their first Standardbred at the Indiana Classic Sale in the fall of 2019 for $12,500. His name was JK Going West, a son of JK Endofanera-Southwest-Western Hanover. Driven by LeWayne Miller throughout his freshman season, he took a mark of 1:51.2 at Harrah’s Hoosier Park and earned $260,758 for Beechy and Ferch.

“He was like a hero for us,” Beechy recalled. “We were hooked. He won just about every Indiana Sires Stakes and was fourth in the Breeders Crown at Hoosier. It was just an over-the-top experience for us. We made good money that year and Dave was hooked for life, and now he’s bought into partnership with six or eight horses.”

Beechy said the highlight of JK Going West’s 2-year-old campaign was when he captured the $270,000 ISS Final in 1:51.2.
“He got through in the final yards and slipped by the other horses and won by a quarter of a length,” Beechy recalled. “The judges thought at first that he might have interfered with someone and there was a lengthy inquiry. It did look awfully, awfully tight when he won it and we were standing in the winner’s circle for a long time and the guy holding the blanket asked if we wanted a photo and I said ‘not until we’re sure we’ve won,’ and just then, the race became official. The judges had phoned Sammy Widger (who was driving Skyway Victor) and he told them LeWayne (Miller) hadn’t interfered with him, so we were declared the winners.”

Beechy and several partners also had success with the mare Shirley Goodness last year, teamed with the trainer-driver partnership of Peter and Melanie Wrenn. The filly, an Indiana-bred daughter by Swan For All-Stirling Debutant-Credit Winner, earned $394,945 stateside during her freshman and sophomore campaigns, and recorded a mark in 2021 at 3, 1:53s in a $47,500 ISS event on Oct. 7 with Peter Wrenn at the controls.

“I owned a fourth of her,” Beechy recalled. “She was fifth in the Breeders Crown, and had a banner year, so we took her to Harrisburg to sell her. She sold for $200,000 and I still struggle with that because I had kind of wanted to keep her, but she went to Sweden, and I was told she’s doing well there.”

After the success of JK Going West’s first season, Beechy decided to focus all of his efforts on Standardbreds and while he employs a few outside trainers—he prefers to do most of the work himself. To date, from 56 starters he’s amassed earnings of $56,418.

“We had a farm in Middlebury that we sold, and have purchased ten acres at Gilcrest in Florida,” he said.

“That training center is like a homeowner’s association—there’s three barns that you can train out of and people purchase land around the training center and build houses on them. It cost $42 per month per horse to stable there, which is very reasonable—it’s the cheapest place in Florida to train horses. I have 14 stalls there and last winter Kevin Lambright—who drove ponies for me—and I were stabled there together.”

Beechy, who is stabled at Pacesetters, is currently training five, racing mainly at Hoosier Park, and also has a trotter with trainer Ray Kenny in Michigan. As well, he employs the services of Illinois-based trainer-driver Robert Taylor, and has two broodmares and several babies.

“Racing at Hoosier Park is tough if you don’t have a good horse,” Beechy admitted. “In Indiana right now
we still have a decent county fair circuit, but the state gives the majority of the good money to Hoosier Park, and in today’s economy, the fairs just don’t offer enough to justify going to them with only one horse. If a guy can take four or five, that’s a different story, but with the gas prices the way they are and everything else, it’s a tough go. And then there’s the help issue. It’s awfully tough to find a really good groom these days. They’re just not out there like they used to be.”

Beechy says that making the transition from the Trottingbred ponies to the Standardbreds was an easy task. “You kind of do everything the same with them except that the Standardbreds have a lot more leg issues than the ponies do. But you jog ‘em’ the same, train ‘em the same—so there’s a lot of similarities.”

Despite now being immersed in the harness business, Beechy has maintained his connection to the Trottingbreds and has helped with several Harness Horse Youth Foundation (HHYF) camps.

“The camps are an awesome experience,” Beechy stressed. “Ellen (Taylor) had a camp of kids that came up to Nappanee one year and I helped there, and then one year at Harrington, Delaware, when I was racing there, Ellen had a camp and I was out there with some ponies, and we brought them to Ocean Downs for the kids to learn with.”

“Bill was very helpful and got involved and supplied ponies for the Maryland Camp,” Taylor recalled. “I was sick as a dog that week and he really came through for us. The first year we had a camp at Hoosier Park, we didn’t own any of our own ponies at the time, and Bill rallied different people to bring their ponies down to us so we could use them. I wasn’t that familiar with the Trottingbreds and he bridged that gap for us, and that helped us to morph into the camps as we know them today.”

“Kids today don’t have anything different to do but sit and play on their phones or watch video games,” Beechy said. “It’s great that the HHYF exists to give kids an opportunity to get involved with harness racing through the trotting ponies. I’m sure after the camps, that some of them get involved one way or another, or at least it plants a seed for something that they might do when they’re grown up. I do know a few folks that got involved with the Trottingbreds after attending one of Ellen’s camps and have stuck with them.”
Name: Zach Miller

Hometown: Amboy, Ind.

How long have you been on the ISA Board: First Year

What is your biggest passion on the ISA Board: Hope to fairly and unilaterally provide positive change for the Indiana harness racing industry

When and how did you get involved in racing: Been in racing my whole life – I was jogging horses in kindergarten

Favorite Food: Mexican

Favorite Restaurant: Don Panchos (Kokomo)

Favorite Movie: Any James Bond movie

Favorite TV Show: Gold Rush

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Most used App on my phone: Podcast

Favorite Racing Memory: Winning the Indiana Sires Stakes Final with Pacific Sun Rae

Preferred Music: Country

Ideal Vacation Spot: Tennessee

Hobbies: Snowmobiling
First Turn Stable is now in its seventh season of opportunity for area horse racing fans. The fractional ownership program began in 2016 and at press time, this year’s horse is Rock on Creek, who is being trained by Missy Essig, located on the backstretch at Harrah’s Hoosier Park.

The program, which began from a presentation at the Racetrack Industry Program’s annual conference in Arizona, provides avid horse lovers and racing fans to get in on the action for a “fraction” of the cost in owning horses. Through the season, fans learn about the inner workings of caring and racing a Standardbred and enjoy race nights with the end goal of getting to the winner’s circle for a photo.

This year’s horse is Rock on Creek, a seven-year-old gelding who has a mark of 1:51.1 and earnings of more than $250,000 at press time. The Ohio bred has spent the majority of his career racing in Ohio before coming to Harrah’s Hoosier Park this spring for the Sapphire Claiming Series. He was a winner for driver Brandon Bates under his previous connections in the $17,000 final of the series.

Rock on Creek joined the First Turn Stable in mid-April and is awaiting his first start for the group. He has 99 career starts with 20 wins as he begins his venture for his new connections.

Essig recently had around a dozen of the ownership group out to her barn to visit with Rock on Creek and other horses in her barn. One of the stable stars, Little Rocket Man, winner of more than $600,000 with a mark of 1:47.2, is among the horses the group gets to see during their visits to the Essig barn.

Several of the members of First Turn Stable are returning from previous years. One of the newer members this season is Ryan Hubbard and his 18-year-old daughter Aleigha. Ryan worked as a race marketing intern in the 1990s, developing a love for the sport. He has revisited his former workplace in a different capacity and sharing his racing experience with his daughter as members of First Turn Stable.

For more information on First Turn Stable, contact Harrah’s Hoosier Park at (800) 526-7223 or visit their Facebook page at www.facebook.com/firstturnstable.
Six-year-old Whata Swan uncorked a 1:50.3 mile winning by two and a half lengths over favored Flagman at Harrah’s Hoosier Park on Saturday, May 28. The time is now the fastest-ever trotting mile recorded in the history of the seven-eighths mile oval dating back to September 1, 1994.

The winner is a son of Indiana Horse Of The Year sire Swan For All (2017 Han nelore Hanover) and has now won over $529,000 lifetime with 34 victories. John Barnard owns the speedster and Luis Quevedo trains.

Trace Tetrick was impressed, "I didn't know how fast we were going. I knew he was still digging in, had his head down and trotted right through the wire. That's tough to do. The fastest I've gone with a winning trotter."

Trace now owns the trotting track standard and co-holds the pacing mark with a 1:47.2 record with Little Rocket Man with four others. Whata Swan paid $4.80 as the second choice.

Trace continued, "I knew Flagman was close to me. He's been racing great. My horse was able to reach down. He had a 1:51.2 mark her, and as a 3-Year-Old at Dayton, he set the track record there of 1:53.2. I've only been driving him since last year. This horse's best quality is definitely versatility. He doesn't care if you take him back, send him or anything. A few starts back on the off track he was first-over and had no problem with that either. He's slick-gaited and can come out of a hole equally well. Any size track."

Trace also referred to something about the field. "People who bet don't like the smaller fields. (It was a six horse field for the record mile.) I get all that. But that was an example of a race where there was quality all the way through, and it made for a great race. You can get some great racing in smaller fields."

What about Fiftydallarbill? Also owned by John Barnard, the horse is now seven and he won the Two-Year-Old Colt Trotter of the Year at Hoosier in 2017.

"He is standing stud this year," said Trace. “He's just a year older than Whata Swan. Both are stallions. I am not sure about the future of Whata Swan as far as racing him or standing him, but I would race him at seven. He can make between $120,000 to $200,000 on the local program, more or less guaranteed money. Unless a syndication is offered, which is a lot of money, I think that would probably be the best way to go. You limit your risk. You are local so you limit the expense of traveling. Cost efficient. 25-30 starts. Unless you have a replacement for him, and I don't think there is as far as I know."

No story about a track record setter would be complete without a chat with Whata Swans' owner John Barnard.

“I was not at the track at the time, I'm in Miami," said Barnard. “He wasn't 100 percent earlier in the year but he's great now. He owns a couple track records in Ohio. I've been getting calls from all over. People want him to race at their place. I am so happy that I never gelded him or Fiftydallarbill. I did geld Swan Chase a few years back and it was the toughest thing I ever had to do. He then rewarded me by going on a winning streak. Earlier in his career I felt he was ducked a lot of times."

What about the Indiana Sires Stakes (ISS) program overall, which just kicked off on Memorial Day May 30 two days after Whata Swan's record
Whata Horse, Whata Swan, Whata Weekend

By Robert Heyden

Whata Swan and Trace Tetrick return to the winner’s circle following their record-setting mile at Harrah’s Hoosier Park. Photo by Dean Gillette.
A total of $402,000 was offered in the 10 ISS races and $442,000 on the entire 13 race card.

"The program reaches a lot of people," said Trace. "There's a positive attitude about it. It's growing and it is being noticed by people outside the state for sure. It gives the big barns and the person with a horse or two a chance. It's what matters to you. What's important to you. If you have one paid in and you get a fourth or fifth place check, that's where you are concentrating. Not everyone has a bunch of top colts and fillies. All kinds of people are attracted to the Sires Stake program. The money is now good enough for all to be involved. You can also hope to get lucky because there are eight legs and a final. Maybe one week all the good ones draw in together and your horse avoids that. I also think the program is still growing and will continue to get even better."

One final note for trivia, for real trivia fans, about the record trotting mile of 1:50.3 by Whata Swan. Flagman was two and a half lengths back and he too trotted the fastest trotting mile in Harrah’s Hoosier Park history at 1:51 flat. In the 1973 Kentucky Derby, Secretariat set the still-standing mark of 1:59.2. You guessed it. Two and a half lengths in front of Sham. He too raced the fastest-ever Derby mile!

Here’s a review of the ISS Opening Day Monday, May 30 at Harrah’s Hoosier Park:

- 13 race card-10 of them were ISS
- $402,000 on the line for the sophomores and $442,000 on the entire card.
- Trace Tetrick won 4; Peter Wrenn won 2; and 1 each for Ricky Macomber Jr., Sam Widger, John Delong, and Jimmy Whittemore.
- In the training ranks, Erv Miller won a pair; Jeff Cullipher also won 2; others recording wins included Ron Burke, Brian Brown, Melanie Wrenn, Henry Graber, Jr., Jamie Macomber and Jay Hochstetler.
- Sires who hit paydirt were Swan For All with 3; J K Endofanera with 2; Rockin Image with 2; and 1 apiece for Odds On Equuleus, Dover Dan, and Always A Virgin
- 12/13 Favorites won the races-only one second choice won - a half-length by Bluebird Dover over Luv Lorelei, the even money choice, prevented a clean sweep for the Chalk-backers.
- The Fastest? Ponda Warrior trained by Jay Hochstetler, who recorded his first sub-1:50 score. He had this to say about Ponda Warrior. "He won with his plugs still in. This is a big thrill. He finished with

Whata Swan

Whata Swan and Trace Tetrick are greeted by Luis Quevedo and members of the team following the track record mile for trotters at Harrah’s Hoosier Park. Photo by Dean Gillette
something in the tank, which I think is important because it looked like some of the others did also."

Let’s look race by race:

2nd race-$47,0000 purse
Bluebird Dover, 1:53.2 edged Luv Lorelei. Drivers Peter Wrenn and Robert Taylor finished one-two. She’s a three-year-old trotting filly by Swan For All. Melanie Wrenn, who won two finals last fall, was the winning conditioner.

4th Race-$34,5000 purse
Alloutblitz won by a head over Marvelous Marshia in 1:51.4. Drivers Peter Wrenn and John Delong finished one-two. The only non-favorite ($4.80) three-year-old pacing filly. Fourth place finisher was J J Endofanera for Brian Brown, who had this to say, "I was happy with her start (7-1 odds). She didn't qualify all that good, but she was pacing right to the wire." She was 10 2-4-1 $107,220 as a two-year-old.

5th Race-$35,000 purse
Ponda Warrior dominated from the rail with Jimmy Whittemore, new to Hoosier this year driver, and they never looked back in 1:49.1. Jay Hochstetler trains the winner by a length and a quarter in the three-year-old pacing colt and gelding division. Rockin Image was the winning sire. Driver Andy Shetler was second.

7th Race-$47,000 purse
M-M’s Dream got the job done for Sam Widger and Henry Graber, Jr. in 1:54.4 in the three-year-old filly trot. Peter Wrenn and Swan Trixie finished second. M-M’s Dream paid $3.00 to win. Swan For All again was the sire.

8th Race-
$50,000 purse
Dover In Motion dominated by 5 1/2 lengths for Ricky and Jamie Macomber in 1:52.4, a new lifetime mark. He’s from the first crop of Dover Dan, the 2017 Ham-bletonian finalist. Dover In Motion paid $2.60. Sweet Boy Dan and Sam Widger finished second.

9th Race-
$34,5000 purse
JK Victory getting Hall Of Fame Trainer Ron Burke on the board. 1:49.1 was the time of the mile, the co-fastest mile of the night. Trace Tetrick was the winning driver with Brandon Bates finishing second with Rip Wheeler by four lengths. JK Victory paid $3.20 to win. He’s a son of JK Endofanera. Trace had this to say about JK Victory, "He raced good. He covers a lot of ground. He's a big, long striding colt. He got to the three-quarters in 1:22 and change and it felt like 1:24. You don't realize you're going as fast as you are with this colt."

10th race - $34,5000 purse
Always Gonna Be With You, a son of Always A Virgin for Driver John Delong. Trace Tetrick finished second with Jewels Be With Us. The time was 1:49.4 and he paid $3.80 to win. Jeff Cullipher was the winning trainer with Tom Pollack owning. Tom said, "I had four in on the card in the Indiana Sires Stakes. This filly was super. My other filly was in a bad spot and got a check. I had a pair of colt trotters in and was second to Dover In Motion and Sweet Boy Dan and was tickled to do that. He (Dover In Motion) looks like he might be the best of everyone. I support this program in Indiana. Each year, the past several seasons, I have gotten 6-8 babies with these races in mind. It's at a good level, this program. Memorial Day was ultra-competitive. Many standouts. It's going in the right direction, for sure."
11th Race - $35,000 purse

The Longest Yard in 1:50.2 for the three-year-old colt and gelding pace. Fulfullnmydestiny and James Yoder were second. He (Fulfullnmydestiny) was the all-time fastest 2-year-old in Indiana history from 2021. Erv Miller trained one of his two winners-daughter Hannah Miller and son-in-law Atlee Bender are overseeing the Indiana operation. It was stallion Rockin Image double up on the day here. But, hey, not everybody can have a great day, right? Gentle Giant finished last for Brian Brown, and he added, "I was very disappointed in him. (His 2YO slate: 12-2-3-4, $150,772) He tried every start at 2. But Trace said he was trying in the late stages. I've tried everything. Sometimes as a trainer you can only do so much. I am going to enter him one more time. If he's not good, it's off to the Ron Burke barn."

12th Race - $34,500 purse

Trick Of The Light for Brian Brown and Trace Tetrick. You might remember she won the $270,000 two-year-old filly pace final last year. She won by a diminishing head here in 1:50.3 and paid $2.60 to win. Odds On Equuleus is the winning sire. J K Rollin Baby and Atlee Bender finished second. Trace had this to say about the winner, "She has come back good. You have to keep in mind that not all of these three-year-olds have been stretched out enough yet to go fast. That's another reason why it's good to have multiple legs." Brian Brown also chimed in on his winning filly, "I was very, very happy with her. She's come back super, already with a couple 1:50.3 miles." (Trick Of The Light comes off a 9-3-3-0, $227,250 2YO season.)

13th race - $50,000 purse

Ponda Adventure for Erv Miller and Trace Tetrick again, which was win number three for him. They paid $3.20. Sam Widger finished second. Stallion Swan For All completed his ISS trifecta in here. Erv Miller (who was a head back in Race 12 and he was that close to winning the final three ISS races.) Trace had this to say about Ponda Adventure, "He's taller and stronger this year. He had bled in a qualifier a ways back. But he likes his job, does his work."
The Indiana Sired Fair Circuit (ISFC) began June 1 and by the second session a week later, track records were already falling. Take Your Pick and Clifton Bell, abolished the record for two-year-old filly pacers at Converse followed by a new standard set for three-year-old colt and gelding trotters later in the day Wednesday, June 8.

The ISFC always reveals the latest crop of new sires in the state. Although no new stallions had winners in the two-year-old pacing ranks during the first session Wednesday, June 1, several new trotting stallions got on the board during the second session at Converse Fairgrounds. You Know You Do, Helpisontheway, Swan in a Million, and Major Athens all had winners on the day to help kick off their stallion career in the Hoosier State. The quickest two-year-old trotting race on the day was shared by two-year-old filly Tucky Girl and Robert Taylor in 2:09 followed by a matching effort by Mr Knowitall and Doug Rideout in the colt and gelding trotting division.

Tucky Girl was a gate to wire winner for Taylor, winning by one and one-quarter length. Unforgettable and Rideout finished second over Bet on Brenna and Jay Cross for third. Tucky Girl is trained by Mervin Schmucker for Rocking Meadows Stable, who also bred the daughter of Pinetucky.
Mr Knowitall was a representative of the first crop of You Know You Do. The Julie Rideout and Dr. Alan White owned gelding sat patiently behind Prince Henry and Michael Detweiler during the mile before moving out in the stretch to grab the win by a half-length over Prince Henry. The colt trotted home in an impressive 1:29.1 in his racing debut for Rideout, who also trains. Mr Knowitall was bred by Joe Hostetler.

Two pacing colts also turned in impressive racing debuts at Converse during the first session. Glawbanera, driven by Logan Loney was a 19-plus length winner in 1:59.0 in his racing debut. The JK Endofanera colt, owned by James Reed, is trained by Donna Loney.

A few divisions later, Jones Z Tam also eclipsed the 2:00 time barrier with a gate to wire effort in 1:59.0. A son of Beckhams Z Tam, Jones Z Tam won by 13 and one-quarter lengths for trainer-driver Mackenzie McDonald, who also owns. The gelding was bred by Z Tam Stables and Indy Lane Stables.

The ISFC returned to Converse the following week for round two with lightning fast times. Take your Pick and Clifton Bell rolled to an eight and three-quarter length win in 1:58.1 for her record setting effort. Trained by Curtis Rice, the JK Endofanera filly was fresh off a win the week before at Converse to start off her racing career two for two for owner Gregory Riley of Mississippi. Broekhuis Stables and Ernie Hochstetler bred the fast filly from the third crop of JK Endofanera.
Not to be outdone, although it wasn’t a track record, Master Splinter and Terry Skinner nearly placed their names in the record books. The duo rallied to a nine and one-half length win in 1:58.4, just four-tenths of a second off the track record at Converse for two-year-old pacing colts and geldings. Also trained by Skinner, the Always A Virgin colt is owned by Ar’Tarrius Fleming of Mississippi. It was his career debut in the mile. The freshman colt and gelding pacing record is held by Luckychris and Clifton Bell, who set the mark last year in June.

Shifting to the three-year-old trotting ranks, Summit City Sonny and Jordan Ross sat behind Hand Dover Dan after he crossed over to the lead after the quarter in :30.0. In the stretch, Summit City Sonny pulled out and trotted home in :29.4, two and one-half lengths ahead of Hand Dover Dan and Doug Rideout for the new track record for sophomore trotting colts. Fly Like A Plane and Bradley Ferguson finished third.

Trained by Byron Hooley, Summit City Sonny is owned by Summit Pacing Acres and was bred by Freeman Bontrager. He was making his fifth start of 2022 and his career best time remains at 1:57.0 taken as a two-year-old at Harrah’s Hoosier Park.

The ISFC will continue through July and into August before placing the top contenders in each category in the $200,000 Governor’s Cup Championships at the Indiana State Fair. The “Quest for the Governor’s Cup” has picked up a promotional hashtag as the series continues, making 13 total stops to determine the finalists for the Governor’s Cup titles. The finals are set for Thursday, Aug. 11.

Complete results for the first two sessions of the ISFC are available in this issue of the ISA Magazine.
Indiana Harness Racing has never been more exciting than with the current “quest for the Governor’s Cup”. Horsemen with Indiana Sired and Bred, two and three-year-old trotters and pacers will be competing all over the state of Indiana to earn a spot in the Governor’s Cup Finals, held at the Indiana State Fair on Thursday, August 11th at 6PM in front of the Hoosier Lottery Grandstand. Horses that compete as a two-year-old can nominate again as a three-year-old and compete once again.

Horses qualify for this prestigious race earning points competing in preliminary rounds of harness racing on the county fair circuit. Nine county fairs currently host Indiana Governor’s Cup series racing, including Miami, Shelby, Clinton, Noble, Newton, Elkhart, Jay, Fayette, and Harrison. Many of these race-tracks have hosted Indiana Fair Circuit racing for well over 100 years...Jay County Fair is celebrating 150 years this season! Racing dates begin June 1st. County fair admission is free for spectators and is a great way for the family to spend an afternoon enjoying one of Indiana’s finest sports.

For 2022, there are 345 two-year-old and 182 three-year-old standardbreds nominated to compete in the fair circuit races. These horses must be out of Indiana registered Stallions and Indiana registered mares the year they were conceived to be eligible to nominate for this Governor’s Cup series. They must nominate by March 15th or April 15th depending on their age. They race for $3500 per age/sex division at the county fair level, but when they get to the Governor’s Cup finals, they are competing for $25,000 per division, as well as the beautiful Governor’s Cup trophy that they can display for years to come! The Governor’s Cup Series paid out over $1 million dollars in purses during the 2021 season, and it is estimated even more will be distributed during the 2022 series.

**Race Locations for “Quest to the Governor’s Cup”**

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IHRC Website – Race Dates, Locations, Post Times, Point Standings – www.in.gov/hrc

See you at the Races!
2022 ISFC at a Glance

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Indiana Sired Fair Circuit County Fair Split Chart:

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The first of three special holiday racing programs was held for Memorial Day Monday, May 30 at Harrah’s Hoosier Park. The event was surrounded by all types of activities to help kick off the 2022 season of Indiana Sires Stakes action.

“A holiday tradition has been started,” said Rick Moore, Vice President and General Manager of Racing. “What an amazing Memorial Day at Harrah’s Hoosier Park. The combination of the ‘Salute to our Veterans’ and the family fun festivities made for a wonderful afternoon/evening racing program. Seeing the kids’ eyes light up when they petted the farm animals and the Trottingbred was beyond heartwarming. And, then add to all of this the Indiana Sires Stakes first round and the incredible racing performances and it was the perfect Memorial Day.”

Tony Renz, ISA Executive Director, concurred, “ISA is proud to partner with Hoosier Park to celebrate all of our military on Memorial Day. We owe our freedom to the veterans and currently enrolled military. The day was very successful seeing all the military folks and kids who came out to enjoy racing.”

Sharon Beeman began the evening by singing the National Anthem with accompaniment from the Color Guard presented by Noblesville VFW Post 6246.

Six races on the card, races 2 through 7, were each dedicated to individual branches of the military as well as POW/MIAs.

A live DJ, bounce houses, three food trucks, cornhole, face painting, Honey Hill Farms Petting Zoo with a pony, a donkey, chickens, llamas, goats and more brought many families to Harrah’s Hoosier Park. In addition, CD’s Miss M from the Harness Horse Youth Foundation stable made a guest appearance in the
**EVRATION PLAYS ACING PROGRAM**

*By Tara Ellen Taylor*

Several animals were available through Honey Hill Farms during Memorial Day with racing fans able to interact with them, including this llama during the event.

[Photo by Dean Gillette]

Veterans and Active-Duty Military Members received a 15% discount at all Harrah’s Hoosier Park dining outlets and a special “Beat the Voice” was held. Fans could swipe at the Trackside Promotional Kiosk to participate in a handicapping contest on races 3 – 8 and go up against Track Announcer Michael Chamberlain. The contest began with a $1,000 payout on Memorial Day and will carry over through the other two holiday racing programs set for July 4 and Labor Day, Monday, Sept. 5. A total of $10,000 will be allotted across the three Monday Holiday cards in 2022 by Harrah’s Hoosier Park in partnership with the Indiana Standardbred Association.

The track also provided an instant win option at the kiosk for one of five $100 MegaBet on any of the Harrah’s Hoosier Park races.

Ellen Taylor and Bob Heyden pose with CD’s Miss M, one of the Trottingbreds used each year in the Harness Racing Youth League camps. “Missy” was part of the Memorial Day display at Harrah’s Hoosier Park.

[Photo by Tabby DeLong]

Each division of the military was recognized with a special race presentation during Memorial Day at Harrah’s Hoosier Park. All military received special discounts during the event.

[Photo by Tony Renz]
New Talent Enjoying Life After Racing

New Talent came to New Vocations from the Jeff Culipher Stable in the spring of 2021. The classy gelding had raced 141 times and earned $453,000 spanning a seven-year career. Jeff and his partner Tom Pollack conscientiously retired New Talent while he was still sound, and Jeff personally delivered him to New Vocations, reflecting how deeply he cared for the horse.

“He was so beautiful and kind, just a lovely warhorse,” remembers Standardbred Program Director Winnie Nemeth.

New Talent took to his under saddle training with the accommodating attitude so typical of a war horse. He had seen and traveled a lot racing in Canada, at the Meadowlands and throughout the Midwest. Not much fazed him. It didn’t take him long to become comfortable walking and trotting with a rider.

Meanwhile, Anna Hilton of Corinth, Mississippi was looking to adopt an older horse. Though rich in horse experience, Anna had taken a 14-year hiatus while raising her three children. She was discussing the 23-year-
old mare Blackwell with New Vocations trainer Laura Kursman when Laura suggested that Blackwell’s pasture companion, New Talent, would make the perfect horse for their family.

“I was thrilled about having horses again, and especially racehorses,” Anna said. “I decided that I would make the trip to Ohio and pick up both Blackwell and New Talent.

Anna continued, “Over the past eight months, I have fallen so in love with Talent. He has become for me what people call a ‘heart horse.’ His capacity for love and affection and his ability to show it to his people is beyond anything I have ever witnessed from a horse. He is so outgoing and playful. My family and I can groom and tack him without even a halter. He will stand perfectly still for us as long as we dote on him and give him attention.”

Anna was a strong, advanced rider in her youth but wanted something quiet to dust off her riding skills and to accommodate her less experienced husband and children. She came to the conclusion that unlike riding a bike, her body did forget, and she felt very rusty. Fortunately, Talent was accommodating and didn’t take advantage of the situation.

“He has been a perfect gentleman and so patient with me,” Anna said. “In spite of my ignorance at times. Surprisingly, I have even been able to give my two teenage children lessons on him and they are beginners! Talent is so trustworthy and protective of them. I can definitely see a difference when they are on him versus an adult.”

Most horses that have raced several years are rich in life experiences. They have learned to accommodate humans and get along with those around them. When retired sound, they can look forward to many years of mutual enjoyment and fulfillment. New Vocations was started 30 years ago to specifically address the need for a productive, loving future for these wise older campaigners.

Anna Hilton and her family are reaping the rewards of this vision. Jeff Cullipher and Tom Pollack are gratified that one of their favorite horses has a great home. New Talent is basking in an easier lifestyle and the adoration of his new family.

“I cannot say enough good things about my experience with New Vocations or my experience with New Talent,” Anna shares. “He has quickly become a very beloved member of our family. Every single time I step outside and see him, it is a thrill and a blessing beyond belief. He has added so much love and life to my family. Talent is all of the things I ever wanted and to top it all off, he is absolutely drop dead gorgeous. I have to pick my jaw up off of the ground every time I see him prancing in the pasture or standing at attention when something catches his fancy. We are all in awe of him. He has definitely found his permanent home and forever family here with us.”
The Unpredictable Path of Promotion

By Tara Ellen Taylor

Most horse people can agree that harness racing can always benefit from more promotion and outreach. Standing in the paddock on a typical race night or sitting in the grandstand at the fairs there are undoubtedly lots of suggestions and ideas tossed about. Some are relatively simple to do, some are worth thinking about, some are long term in nature. This article proves that promotion: a) takes effort and leg work; b) partnerships make things a lot easier to achieve more impact; and perhaps most importantly, c) It can be done.

Part I - Team Effort

In 2021, the ISA Board generously approved funding for the production and distribution of HHYF Activity Boxes to be sent to every county extension office in the state of Indiana. The idea was to hopefully stimulate interest in and/or provide entertaining yet educational information about Indiana harness racing.

Within 24 hours, HHYF received an email from Harrison County Extension Agent Rebecca Wilkins acknowledging the box’s arrival. Communication ensued and HHYF was asked to present a short program about harness racing to the local 4-Hers during the 2021 fair. Nine students attended on June 9, 2021. Some stayed and watched the races. One little girl ran up afterwards and gave a big hug saying how much fun she had.

SCORE - the “light one candle” theory!

Little did anyone know where this would lead next, but it was big. HHYF was then asked to present “harness racing” as the sole equine station right next to ATV safety, beekeeping, and embryology among others at the Harrison County Farm Bureau Ag Day Field Trip in the fall. Unfortunately, this was postponed twice due to Covid but finally on May 5 and 6, 2022, it happened. In groups of 20 to 30 students, a total of 500 students inter-
acted and learned about “Horse & Human Athletes” by comparing harness racing to their own participation in soccer, basketball, baseball, gymnastics and other sports.

**SCORE AGAIN - DAILY DOUBLE!**

**Part 2 - Team Effort: Round 2**

In 2022, HHYF and ISA partnered again. This time by sending HHYF Activity Boxes to each FFA Chapter in the state. (In case you were curious, there are 221.)

Amazingly enough, again within 24 hours, HHYF received another email, this time from Kelley Sheiss, a teacher at the Whitko Career Academy in Whitley County. She requested a field trip for her advanced animal science class which was half “horse” and half “beef cattle” students.

The morning of May 11, 2022, the bus rolled into Harrah’s Hoosier Park and nine students and one very dedicated teacher hopped off the bus. As the group walked towards the tarmac, Associate Judge Tom Hope invited them to the judges’ booth to view the morning’s qualifiers - what an unexpected treat!

After watching a few races, it was off to DeLong’s Farm where Tabby had it timed perfectly. With horses in the cross ties ready to be put away, four teams of students were given the opportunity to brush off and identify potential trouble areas on the DeLong Standardbreds. Another fantastic learning experience.

Boarding the bus and voting to postpone lunch, the students then visited Ernie and Darla Gaskin’s Crimson Lane Farm. Ernie discussed his philosophy of selecting conformationally correct but not expensive stock as a way to make a living as well as sharing his storied experiences with the Haughton Stable.

The last stop of the day was eye-opening for the young people and provided a brand-new perspective for them. Brian Hauck from New Wave Equine explained each form of therapy as well as mentioning the multi-breed use of the facilities, from harness racing to barrel racing and including rehabilitation of lame horses of any breed.

An excerpt from Kelley Sheiss’ follow up email: “This was an experience for the ages! I had the kids do a Google slides reflection and they did a great job... The response to the experience has been outstanding! I truly cannot say enough good things about this opportunity. It far exceeded our expectations, and the girls are still talking about it.”

**ANOTHER SCORE - A TRIFECTA!**
Part 3 - Expanding The Team AND The Reach

In efforts to expand interest in Hoosier fair racing, USHWA Indiana chapter along with ISA and the IHRC, have joined forces for the promotion and branding of the Quest for the Governor’s Cup. This effort was prompted by individuals who believe in the importance of county fair racing to Indiana’s racing success.

#Quest4GovCup - the hashtag; the hope is this will be used by those who use Facebook, Twitter, and other social media channels and race at the fairs. Your opportunity to be a part of the team!

With the assistance of Sarah Conrad, Linda Dever, Carrie Hollman, Tony Renz, Julie Rideout, Jane Ann Runyon, Barbara Wilfong, and John Wilson, media outlets within a 25-mile radius of each fair location have been researched and compiled into a spreadsheet.

The development of the Quest for the Governor’s Cup 13-week schedule for regular media releases to those identified newspaper and radio outlets.

The redesign of fair program covers and inclusion of updated county fair track record holders.

The creation and widespread use of a QR code to explicitly direct interested fans to a Google map displaying each fair location across that state, including race dates.

WILL THIS PICK 5 COME IN? Time will tell but early results look promising with yet another response within 24 hours of sending the introductory Quest for the Governor’s Cup release - this time from Amanda Ramos from the Harrison County Convention & Visitor’s Bureau.

Without a doubt, the long and winding path of recent Indiana promotion is cause for, at the very least, anticipation, and, hopefully, even some added excitement. The key to all success is to try, and perhaps, the road is now a bit wider, a bit broader, a bit brighter and will take Hoosier harness racing around the next turn.
25 Years Ago:

Ima Noble Son, driven by D.R. Ackerman for trainer Homer Hochstetler, set a new world record of 1:41.3 for a seven-eighths mile dash at Harrah’s Hoosier Park. Ken Forney owned the pacing gelding by Nobleland Sam. Ima Noble Son was claimed a few weeks later by Bob Morrow II and set a track record for the 1 1/8 mile pace in a time of 2:11.2.

Hot Lead, guided by Tony Morgan, was the winner of the fourth annual Dan Patch Invitational in 1:50.1. The race was held in front of a crowd of more than 6,000, the second largest attendance in the history of Harrah’s Hoosier Park.

Trendy Bilmac, trained and driven by Walter Haynes Jr., won the $62,500 Indiana Sires Stakes for three-year-old pacing fillies in 1:59.2. The filly was owned by George McClarnon.

20 Years Ago:

Fast Freddie Mojo and Don Irvine Jr. rally home to set a new track record for two-year-old pacing colts at Hoosier Park. The flashy chestnut was a winner in 1:52.4 for trainer Dan Perdue and Owners Brent and Misty Perry.

For the second time in less than a month, the two-year-old pacing gelding record was set as Good Bad or Best, driven by Jeff Cullipher for his father, Roger, equaled the track record of 1:54.0 set by Northern J and Tim Curtin three weeks before. Northern J was trained by Mark Hipsher for Hipsher and Berger while Nate Sholar was the owner of Good Bad or Best.

Trainer Don Eash completed the ninth season of racing at Harrah’s Hoosier Park with a record setting year. Eash won $798,262 with his stable, which set a new record for most purse money earned in one meet, which was 90 days of action.

15 Years Ago:

Wigwam Baby, driven by Mark O’Mara for trainer Robert Wagler, was the winner of the $100,000 Aged Mare Trot at Harrah’s Hoosier Park. The four-year-old Padre Hanover mare stopped the timer in 1:56.1.

10 Years Ago:

My Sweet Sheila and trainer-driver Robert Taylor, scored the win in the Silver Division of the Indiana Sires Stakes at Harrah’s Hoosier Park. The three-year-old trotting filly by Southwind Elian, owned by La Bella Vita Stable, won in 2:00.1.
Big Gulp might have personality issues, but he certainly has no speed issues.

The 4-year-old son of Always a Virgin has amassed $182,951 thus far during his career, despite what some might refer to as a “quirky” personality.

Trainer-driver Jay Cross was responsible for the gelding’s 2- and 3-year-old campaigns, and first dealt with him as a yearling.

“He was a homebred for the owners and he came to me with the basics,” Cross noted. “When we first took him to Florida to winter train at Gilcrest Farms as a youngster, there really wasn’t much to like about him. He was horribly gaited and unbelievably flighty in the stall, and the first day on
the track, here came the water truck, the tractor, and the drag, but he never looked at those things.

“I’ve never had a horse like him,” Cross continued. “He has a totally different personality from any horse I’ve ever encountered and is scared to death in the stall and in the barn for seemingly no reason. He ended up trusting me a whole lot further than he did anyone else, because I was the one who worked with him all the time, but he initially wasn’t a likeable horse at all. He didn’t train impressively at first and was the last one we took out of the barn because no one else wanted to jog him. We tried so many different things with him to calm him down. The crazy thing was, he wasn’t bad on the track—just super nervous in his stall and in the barn area.”

Jay said despite his countless stall and barn glitches, Big Gulp at times, flashed signs of brilliant, mind-bending speed.

“He’s not a good-gaited horse until he gets into high gear, and training down, every once in a while, he’d show me something,” Cross offered. “When we first came back from Florida in 2020, we started a bit later than normal because of the Covid situation, and we were stabled at Converse that summer. His owners asked me about racing him in the Sires Stakes, but I thought he’d struggle to be a fair horse. In that first start at Converse (on July 4), I raced him conservatively, but in the last turn, he shook loose and circled the field. It was like a light came on inside his brain that day.”

Big Gulp’s lights certainly did switch to “on” as he won nine of ten starts his freshman season, earning $16,816. After that initial victory at Converse in 2:05, he won his next start at Frankfort in 1:59.2, then two in a row at Shelbyville in 2:02 and 2:00.1, before scoring an eight-length triumph at Indianapolis in 1:53, followed by a 1:59.4 score at Converse on Aug. 25. He then won at Frankfort in 2:02, and again at Shelbyville in 1:58.3 on Sept. 4. He finished first in the $20,000 Indiana State Fair Championship on Sept. 10 at Indianapolis, but was disqualified and placed eighth, before finishing out the year by winning at Hoosier July 2022 Indiana Standardbred Magazine 31
Park in a seasonal best time of 1:52.1 on Sept. 24 in an $8,000 overnight.

Big Gulp was bred and raised by Ben Yoder of Sturgis, Michigan, who owned him in partnership with his daughter McKenzie, his wife Anna, and his brother Michael. He is the sixth foal out of the Armbro Mackintosh mare Astra Destiny p, 3, 1:55.2h ($33,477) and is a half-brother to Legal Transfer (by Kilowatt) 5, 1:50.3s ($278,044); Legal Spike (by Third Straight) 6, 1:50.3s ($261,844); and the mare Mandy’s Mattjesty (by His Mattjesty) p,6,1:50.2s ($307,105).

“From what I know, his mother is supposedly a little bit of that way,” Cross recalled. “But all of her babies are different. This family has some weird idiosyncrasies and he’s the worst of the bunch as far as having a bit of a personality disorder.”

“Benny” as he’s known in the barn, continued his winning ways as a 3-year-old for Cross, earning another $82,455 and recording a sophomore score of p,3,1:49.4s on Oct. 29 at Hoosier Park in a $34,000 Circle City Colt & Gelding Pace. He used a :26.3 final brush to get the job done, holding off Gamblin Mo (Sam Widger) by half a length. He followed that up with a 1:51 score in wire-to-wire fashion with Cross at the lines on Nov. 5 and wrapped up the season with a 5-2-5 record in 20 starts, missing only four checks all year, and finishing on the board 12 times.

“We tried a number of things to improve his gait and his attitude in the barn, but nothing seemed to make a difference,” Cross stressed. “One of the problems is that he is a great big horse, 16.1 or more, and he has to be turned a certain way in the stall or you can’t catch him. I tried changing his shoes to make him travel smoother and it really didn’t help either…it didn’t seem to matter what you did with him; until you got him into high gear, he was just a sloppy-gaited horse. But once he was in high gear, he could pace really fast.”

Cross traditionally trains 2- and 3-year-olds, and at the end of last season, Big Gulp was purchased by Jeff Fought and Brian Carsey for $85,000 and shipped to the barn of Walter Haynes, Jr.
“He’s a nice horse and likes his job on the racetrack,” Haynes, Jr. said. “But you can’t catch him in his stall. He basically panics and he’s so darn big that he doesn’t want or mean to hurt you, but he might step on you because he’s so panicky. He’ll do anything on the track you want, and we actually tow a horse beside him, that’s how quiet he is in that situation, but in the barn it’s a different story.”

This season at four, Big Gulp has continued to make money for his new connections, with more than $83,000 earned to date from racing in the high conditioned events at Miami Valley and the Hoosier Park Opens. He took a front-stepping, 4-year-old record of 1:50.3f at Miami Valley on March 17 for driver Sammy Widger in a $20,000 over-night as the public’s choice.

Haynes, Jr., said Big Gulp does not wear any fancy rigging, does not do exotic therapies, and wears four aluminum shoes.

“He has half cups on him with a chip strap, but he doesn’t wear any boots or head poles or anything special,” Haynes, Jr. offered. “Warming up he’ll trot really pretty but if he switches to the pace, he’s so choppy.

With nearly $185,000 to his name in just a few short years, Big Gulp has rewarded both sets of folks who have owned this rangy and often quirky gelding.

“He’s paid for himself, and anything else he makes now is strictly gravy,” Haynes, Jr. said. “He definitely is one of a kind.”
While action is underway in Indiana for the 2022 racing season, one Indiana horse is shining bright in Ohio. JK’s Shining Star, a member of the Redder Stable, is making her mark at Scioto Downs this season. She heads into press time of the ISA Magazine on a three-race win streak.

“This is her third straight win in a row after winning the two previous starts in 1:50.4,” said Ricky Redder, who juggles horses between tracks in both Indiana and Ohio with his brother Peter, who serves as the horse’s trainer and co-owner.

JK’s Shining Star takes a liking to Scioto Downs each summer. Her quickest time heading into 2022 was taken last summer on the five-eighths mile oval in 1:53.0. Another year older has made her better and stronger with a new career best time added to her credentials in 1:50.4, a time she matched twice in May.

From the first crop of JK Endofanera, JK’s Shining Star began her racing career on the Indiana Sired Fair Circuit. A pair of wins were recorded on the half-mile series with her biggest paycheck coming in the $8,000 consolation at the Indiana State Fairgrounds during the COVID-19 ridden season that limited the Governor’s Cup Championships. A few starts were turned in at Harrah’s Hoosier Park before her return at three last spring. She won several races before it was time for a change.

“Star started off racing at the Indiana fairs with Doug Rideout, who drove her at almost all the fairs,” added Ricky. “Star seemed to be a good fair horse so at three, we staked her back to the fairs but not to the Sires Stakes, which ended up being a bad decision as she started off her season with a lot of wins and got nosed out a few times in sub 1:50 miles throughout the year but we were glad that we at last had a nice horse.”

That’s when Redder, who has had the filly her entire career, decided to try her on the Ohio circuit. There, she blossomed with a few wins before returning to the ISFC at three, qualifying for the $25,000 Governor’s Cup Championships at the Indiana State Fairground and finishing second in the final.
JK’s Shining Star rotates between states for action, but she shines her brightest at Scioto Downs. She has stepped up into the conditioned ranks and tackled the track’s toughest fillies and mares in her last start, scoring the win in the $30,000 Fillies and Mares Open. Aaron Merriman guided the mare in the gate to wire effort with a final panel in :28.2, winning in 1:52.0.

“This year, she has really grown up and has come into her own after some early adjustments, like adding Lasix to her,” continued Ricky. “Since then, she has won twice in 1:50.4 and then took on the Fillies and Mares Open at Scioto and won comfortably. Aaron Merriman has been driving her and has been very excited for her future. Our current plan is to keep her at Scioto until the aged Indiana Sires Stakes at Hoosier Park, which she is eligible for.”

To date, the standout mare from the Redder barn has 16 wins in 50 starts with only 15 starts worse than third. She has more than $125,000 in earnings. The pacing mare is owned by Therl Hensley and Redder, who acquired her from Victory Hill Farm in the fall of 2019. She is among the top 10 foals by JK Endofanera in earnings and one of 14 with earnings over the $100,000 mark. Her new career best time of 1:50.4 is also among the stallion’s quickest foals.

JK’s Shining Star gets her speed honestly. She is from the Jenna’s Beach Boy mare Bikini Star, who is a 100 percent producer. Out of six foals of racing age, all have marks of 1:55.0 or better with four sporting marks of 1:51.2 or better. The family has a two-year-old this season by Tellitlikeitis. The colt is named Tell’s Super Star and should be on the track soon. The family also has an unnamed weanling colt by Rockin Image.

“We bought Star at the Hoosier Classic Yearling Sale for $13,000,” added Ricky. “The main thing we liked about her was her breeding and family background. Most of them raced as two-year-olds. Star was small but built nicely.”

The Peter Redder Stable is off to another quick start in 2022. The past three seasons, horses from their barn have earned more than $800,000 in earnings. A trainer since 2016, Peter Redder now has 314 career wins and more than $3 million in purses. His best year to date was in 2019 when he won 105 races good enough for nearly $900,000 in purse earnings.

In addition to JK’s Shining Star, Fan of Terror has also climbed to the top of his ranks as an aged pacer. With three wins already this season, he has 60 overall with earnings of more than $650,000. His best time of 1:48.4 was taken as a seven-year-old at Harrah’s Hoosier Park. Now 10, the Western Terror gelding has impressive credentials. His dam is a daughter of the great World Champion Fan Hanover who earned multiple year-end honors in harness racing and was inducted into the Hall of Fame in 2000.

As for dealing with JK’s Star off the track, a trainer couldn’t ask for a better member of a stable.

“You couldn’t ask for a more perfect horse to deal with,” concluded Ricky. “She is a sweetheart, and she loves children. She will stand there with her head out of her stall all day. If you are willing to pet her, and when you walk away, she’ll start spinning her head around and let you know she wants you to come back. She is my absolute hands-down favorite horse to take and go race. She is a perfect lady and would not do anything to hurt you on or off the track. The one thing I can say about Star very confidently is that she loves to race, and she loves to win, as you can see by her lifetime career wins. We will race her through the summer and part of the fall and giver her a break sometime after the aged Sires Stakes.”
Nigel Fennell is from England, moved to the United States in the fall of 2020, and has been a farrier for 32 years as well as a blacksmith clinician.

In addition, he has a passion for building horses…magnificent life size horse sculptures to be more precise. At the recent American Horse Publications Equine Media Conference in Lexington, Nigel unveiled his latest entitled Gods Boy: 31-2:24, a pure steel replica of the legendary Secretariat and jockey Ron Turcotte made from thousands of mosaics, both horse heads and galloping horses (see photos).

“Working with steel is unforgiving to get the final product” explained Nigel. “It was a huge responsibility to get the muscular definition, the hind legs and stifles to be overtaking the barrel and to make it look like he was moving though it is a static piece. The project took 1,400 hours over a 14-month period. The legs 140 hours each, the head 167 hours.”

Nigel continued, “I want him to be seen and enjoyed but he is for sale. He will soon be dipped in zinc to make him last forever.”

Nigel has two previous creations Magico and Maximus, Andalusian stallions using different mediums.

For further information about Nigel and his equine art, here is a link to his website:

www.nigelfennellandforemansforge.org/sculptures/pepper-xfej3
Matt Rodriguez earns first Indiana win

By Tammy Knox

Matt Rodriguez, a native of Illinois, earned his first career training win in Indiana Saturday, June 4. Fred and Roz, driven by Jordan Ross, rallied home in the $20,000 claimer to give Rodriguez his first trip down the Harrah’s Hoosier Park stretch in the courtesy van.

Fred and Roz sat patiently in the two-hole throughout fractions of :26.4, :55.0 and 1:23.4 before Ross urged the Indiana sired gelding by Fred and Ginger forward, pacing home in :26.4 for the win in 1:51.0. Movie Star and John DeLong finished second over KJ Owen and Peter Wrenn for third.

Fred and Roz paid $12.80 for the win. The mile was a new lifetime mark for the gelding, who now has $66,000 in career earnings. Summerlin Racing Stable owned the gelding before he was claimed out of the race by Castaldo Racing Stable.

It was the 11th win of the season for Rodriguez, who took out his trainer’s license in 2013 but didn’t get started with his stable until 2018. His first training win was recorded in May of 2019 at Hawthorne Racecourse with a horse named My Muddy Buddy. Kyle Husted guided the Voracious Hanover gelding to the winner’s circle for Rodriguez.

As of June 4, Rodriguez has 28 career wins as a trainer. The 29-year-old is having the best season of his young career, already matching last year’s win tally and posting the most purse earnings, already more than $78,000 for 2022.

Although he’s had a handful of starts at Harrah’s Hoosier Park the past two seasons, Rodriguez has concentrated on Illinois racing up until this season and calls Aurora, Ill. home. He now has some Indiana sired horses in his stable, including Designed to Roll, a four-year-old daughter of Time to Roll owned by Cathy Finn-Kanitz. At press time in early June, the four-year-old mare, who just began her racing career this year, is a perfect four for four with a career best time of 1:56.1. Other winners this season from the Rodriguez Stable include Holden Steady, The Bucket, Mannys Too Special, and Dreaming Image, an Indiana sired daughter of Rockin Image.
# 2022 STAKES SCHEDULE

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Indiana County Fair Results

June 1, 2021 – Converse Fairgrounds – Converse, Ind. – Track: Fast, Temp: 75


Race 9 ($3,500 ISFC 2YO C-G C 4th Div) – 1, Jones Z Tam (Mackenzie McDonald), 2, Vel Big Stevie (Bradley Ferguson), 3, Checks orthe Beach (Jeff Devine). Other starters: Watch Your Six, JF Send It. Time: 1:59.0. Winning Sire: Beckhamz 8. Winning Owner: Mackenzie McDonald. Winning Trainer Mackenzie McDonald. Winning Breeder: Z Tam Stables LLC and Indy Lane Stables.


June 2, 2021 – Converse Fairgrounds – Converse, Ind. – Track: Fast, Temp: 68

Race 1 ($3,500 ISFC 2YO Filly Trot 1st Div) – 1, The Queen of Richmond (Clifton Bell), 2, Suzie Van (Doug Rideout), 3, Perfection (Clay Craib). Other starters: Rockin Joann, Ind. – Track: Fast. Temp: 68


June 8, 2021 – Converse Fairgrounds – Converse, Ind. – Track: Fast, Temp: 70


Race 5 ($3,500 ISFC 2YO Filly Pace 5th Div.) – 1, Real Sweet Desire (Jeffrey Devier), 2, Tell Me Lies (Doug Rideout), 3, Vel Miss Taylor (Bradley Ferguson). Winning owner: Julie Shively. Winning trainer: Jeffrey Devier. Winning breeder: Julie Shively.


Race 9 ($3,500 ISFC 2YO C-G Pace 4th Div.) – 1, Chucksroutybucks (Chad Clark), 2, The Crooner (Doug Rideout), 3, Li Joe IV (Gerald Miller). Other starters: Mickey Panther, Watch Your Str. Time: 2:02.7. Winning trainer: Our Lucky Chip. Winning breeder: Chad Clark and Dustin Henzen. Winning trainer: Chad Clark. Winning breeder: Dustin Henzen, Sherri Henzen and Chad Clark.


Crossword Puzzle ISA Magazine No. 31: 2022 ISFC Winners at Converse

Across:
4 2YO Filly Trotter from the Doug Rideout barn ___ ___ You
5 Took a new lifetime mark for Driver Clint Coy in 3YO Pacing Filly action _________ Got Legs
6 Holds the track record for 2YO Pacing Colts set in 2021 _____ chris
7 Owned by Rocking Meadows Stable, a 2YO Filly Trotter _______ Girl
10 Donna Loney trained 2YO Colt Pacer
12 Clifton Bell drove this 2YO Filly to a victory _______ Your Life
14 Set a new track record for 3YO Trotting Colts _____ City Sonny
17 First crop of Helpisontheway filly driven by Jordan Ross _______ Dream
18 Musclesprinctorian 2YO winner for Driver Michael Detweiler _______ Henry
19 3YO Trotting Filly owned by Julie Rideout and Pete Schmucker Jr. ________ Beauty
20 One of five horses that share this name Swartz _______ Elen.

Down:
1 First crop filly trained by Mervin Schmucker
2 Doug Rideout-trained 3YO Filly Trotter _______ With Me.
3 Scott Linville-trained 3YO Pacer Vel ______
7 Set a Track Record for 2YO Filly Pacers.
8 2YO Colt pacer for Mackenzie McDonald Jones ______
9 3YO Colt Trotter trained by William Wagler Molly’s ______
11 2YO Colt Trotting Winner from the Rideout barn
13 Leander Schwartz trained 2YO Colt Trotter Reckless ________
15 3YO Filly Pacer bred by Faron Parr Babe’s ______
16 Matt Rheinheimer driven and trained 2YO Colt Trotter Brookview ______

Answers to Crossword Puzzle ISA Magazine No. 31

The Michiana Classic yearling Sale is moving to September. The sixth annual event is set for Wednesday, Sept. 7 at the Michiana Event Center located in Shipshewana, Ind.

According to the Michiana Classic Yearling Sale packet, the venue at the Michiana Event Center has become increasingly popular with the availability of space becoming difficult. The move to September will accommodate all entities, including horsemen and buyers for the next crop of Indiana yearlings.

In addition to the Michiana Classic Yearling Sale, the Midwest Mixed Sale is also moving to the new date. It is held on the same day and will follow the yearling sale as in the past. Both sales will provide their own sale book to give the Midwest Mixed Sale more time to consignors to add their horses into the sale. The entry deadline for the Midwest Mixed Sale is July 20.

Both sales will be conducted by the Hoosier Classic Sale Company.

The Hoosier Classic Yearling Sale is set for Friday, Oct. 21 and Saturday, Oct. 22. The eighth annual Buckeye Classic Yearling Sale is set for Tuesday, Oct. 11 and will be held at the Champions Center Expo Center in Springfield, Ohio.

For more information, visit the web at www.michiana-classicsale.com or contact Steve Cross, Auction Manager at steve@hoosiersale.net
2022 Indiana Standardbred Association Trainer Registration Form

Trainer Name: __________________________________________________________

Stable Name:  __________________________________________________________

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Mailing Address: ________________________________________________________

Location of Training Stable: ________________________________________________

No. of Horses in stable now: _____Do you have space for more horses now? (Y/N): ___

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This information will be used to create an updated 2022 ISA Trainer Registry. The ISA trainer registry will make current information about registered trainers available to the public, including new owners, fans, and potential employees. NOTE: Even if you were listed on the 2021 Trainer Registry, you must fill out this form to be included in the 2022 Trainer Registry.

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Charles Mike Lewellen

Charles M. “Mike” Lewellen, age 77, of rural Portland, Ind. passed away Monday morning April 18, 2022, at IU Health Ball Memorial Hospital in Muncie, Ind. He was born in Elwood, Ind. on January 31, 1945, the son of Harvey and Dorothy (Hughes) Lewellen. He was married on March 23, 1967, to Evelyn Shirley who survives.

Mike had worked as a livestock buyer of Heinhold, IBP and Tyson Foods. He served in the US Army during Vietnam and was a 1963 Tipton High School graduate. He was a member of the D.A.V., Indiana Standardbred Association and United States Trotting Association.

Mike was an avid sports fan, outdoors man and loved his family and his country.

Mike was involved in Standardbred racing as a hobby. He raced mainly on the Indiana Sired Fair Circuit and had 26 wins as a trainer. His last start as a trainer was in 2013 at the Elkhart County Fair. Mike also bred and raised several of the horses he owned, including Patanio, License to Chill and America’s Best (1:57.0, $20,545).

Some of the racehorses he campaigned on the pari-mutuel circuit include Gypsy Hi Ho, Heel Win (1:57.0, $39,596) and Don’t Quit Now (1:53.4, $35,186), all Indiana sired horses.

Surviving is his wife, Evelyn; one son Wade Lewellen (wife Terri) of Portland; one daughter Niki Rowles (husband Pat) of Portland; one brother John Lewellen (wife Sandy) of Cambridge City; two sisters Treva Claywell of Elwood and Rosie Corlew of Jacksonville, Fla.; three grandchildren Jess Lewellen and Cody and Katie Rowles; six great grandchildren Cameron Smitley, Koby, Paige, Chloe, Jase, and Lilly Lewellen.

Funeral services were held Friday April 22, 2022, at Baird-Freeman Funeral Home with Pastor Steve Hundley presiding. Memorials can be made to the Wounded Warrior Project.

Online condolences may be sent to www.baird-freeman.com.

Betty Wilson

Betty Wilson, 86, of Fort Wayne, Ind., died April 16, 2022, in her home.

Born July 20, 1935, in Flint, Mich., she was a daughter of Frank and Donna McFarlan.

She worked at GM as an engineer. After retirement, she enjoyed reading and helping her husband train Standardbreds.

Mrs. Wilson is survived by her husband, James; daughter, Teri Jenkins; and granddaughter, Shanna Jenkins. She was preceded in death by her parents, Frank and Donna McFarlan; brothers, Donald McFarlan and Shirley McFarlan; sister, Lois Burdick; and son-in-law, William Jenkins.

Prayer service and visitation was held at Midwest Funeral Home in Fort Wayne.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Stillwater Hospice in Fort Wayne.
The Jay County Fair is one of the strongest supporters of the Indiana Sired Fair Circuit each season with many of the second round of finals held at the half-mile facility in Portland, Ind. Many great horsemen have emerged from the fairgrounds over the past century and harness racing is a solid part of the fair each season. This year will mark a special celebration as the fair will host its 150th anniversary Saturday, July 9 through Saturday, July 16.

As always, Standardbred racing will be part of the lineup of activities for the week. Racing will be conducted Wednesday, July 13 with a first post of 3 p.m. It will be the ninth stop for the ISFC in 2022 in the “Quest for the Governor’s Cup” at the Indiana State Fairgrounds set for Aug. 11. Other events planned for the 150th fair include a Monster Truck rally, performance by Cain with Vernon Piercey, and the main event of the week, country artist Cole Swindell set for Friday, July 15.

To help commemorate the special season this year, the Jayland Trotting Association has taken out a billboard to promote both the 150th year of the fair and the harness racing program.

In all, the Jay County Fairgrounds will host three sessions of the ISFC in 2022. Other dates include Saturday, Aug. 6 and Saturday, Oct. 1.
2022 Indiana Equine Economic Impact Survey

The Indiana equine industry is strong, but how strong? The last Equine Economic Impact study was completed in 2010, and we are way overdue for a study. In 2010, the equine study measured the impact of the Indiana equine industry to be $973,000,000 strong and touched all 92 counties in Indiana.

Purdue University has been chosen once again to conduct the 2022 Indiana Equine Economic Study. Purdue was chosen because of their professional, concise, and accurate methods.

Why is this study needed? As a thriving industry in Indiana, the results of the study become a true report card for the industry. More importantly the study becomes a useful tool that all breed associations, the Indiana Horse Racing Commission, and track owners will rely on to continue to seek support for the equine industry.

What do you need to do? Surveys will begin to be delivered in July by mail, email, and text blast. Additionally, the link for the survey will be on all breed websites, IHRC website, and track owner websites. If you are involved in the Indiana equine industry, we need you to complete a survey. The more responses, the better data we have to measure the impact of the Indiana equine industry. Below is the link or QR Code:

https://bit.ly/3MlyFm

Surveys must be completed and returned no later than August 15, 2022. If you have any questions do not hesitate to reach out to your breed association executive director, or contact the following:

* Tony Renz – Executive Director of the ISA
  Tony.renz777@gmail.com or 317/652-4380

* Jessica Barnes - Director of Racing & Breed Development at the IHRC
  jbarnes@hrc.in.gov or 317/233-3120

* Tanya Hall – Community Development Regional Extension Educator Purdue University
  tjhall@purdue.edu or 812/203-2232
PACING RECORDS

Two-Year-Old Filly - 1:52.3 - 8/7/2019
PRICELESS (Rockin Image - Btwnyourheartnmine)
Trainer/Driver: Brandon Bates
Owners: Kevin Miller, Burt Hochsprung • Breeders: Mark Graber, Mervin Graber, Jacob Graber

Two-Year-Old Colt/Gelding - 1:51.2 - 8/16/2008
AMERICAN FIREDOG (Allamerican Native - Lady A)
Trainer: Perry Smith • Driver: Mike Oosting
Owner: Perry Smith • Breeder: Kentuckiana Farms

Three-Year-Old Filly - 1:50.3 - 8/7/2019
QUEEN LAGERTHA (Always A Virgin - Wondering Heart)
Trainer: Roger Welch • Driver: John De Long
Owners: Roger Welch, David Heninger, Roger Heninger, Robert Holbrook • Breeder: Alvin R. Fry

Three-Year-Old Colt/Gelding - 1:50.1* - 8/9/2017
MEADOWBROOK TIGER (Shadyshark Hanover - Rain Dance Jessica)
Trainer: Erv Miller • Driver: Trace Tetrick
Owners: Ronald Michelon, The Kales Company LLC • Breeder: Freeman Jay Bontrager

TROTTLING RECORDS

Two-Year-Old Filly - 1:56.3 - 8/7/2019
ROCK SWAN (Swan For All - Jolly Jessica)
Trainer: Erv Miller • Driver: Trace Tetrick
Owners: Anthony Lombardi, S&R Racing Stables • Breeders: Bobby Brower, Debra Garland

Two-Year-Old Colt/Gelding - 1:56.3 - 8/22/2009
BREAK THE BANK K (Revenue S - American Misty)
Trainer: Richard Gillock • Driver: Dave Palone
Owner/Breeder: Robert Key

Three-Year-Old Filly - 1:53.3* - 8/8/2018
LASS A ROPE (Encore Encore - American Lassie)
Trainer: Rod Boyd • Driver: Sam Widger
Owner/Breeder: Robert Key

Three-Year-Old Colt/Gelding - 1:54 - 8/27/1994
KENTUCKY WINE (Armbro Goal - Grapevine)
Trainer: Per Eriksson • Driver: John Patterson Jr.
Owner: Ossi Nurmelta • Breeders: David Caldwell, Fredericka Caldwell

* Indicates all-age track record for given gait
Statistics courtesy of USHWA Indiana - current through 5/1/2021
CONNERSVILLE TRACK RECORDS

* Indicates all-age track record for given gait

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**PACING RECORDS**

Two-Year-Old Filly - 1:59.3 - 9/18/2015
NORTHERNFLIGHTLADY (Panspacificflight - Smoke It Out)
Trainer/Driver: Ronnie Gillespie
Owner/Breeder: Martin Schmucker

Two-Year-Old Colt/Gelding - 1:58.1 - 9/18/2015
DALI’S CRUZINRADAR (Dali - Bow Koo Bucks)
Trainer/Driver: Tom Luther
Owners: Tom Luther, William Johnson, Thomas Voress • Breeder: Devon Knapp

Three-Year-Old Filly - 1:58.1 - 9/16/2016
ANGELINMYWAY (Dontgetinmyway - Ron's Blue Angel)
Trainer: Tyler George • Driver: Mike Peterson
Owner: Tyler George • Breeder: Frank Baldachino

Three-Year-Old Colt/Gelding - 1:57* - 8/4/2015
UNDERTAKER (Rockin Image - Portia Blue Chip)
Trainer/Driver: Don Eash
Owner: Eash Racing Stable Inc. • Breeder: John McGill

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**TROTting RECORDS**

Two-Year-Old Filly - 2:03.4 - 9/25/2012
FLOWER GIRL CHARIS (Yankee Valor - Paula’s Design)
Trainer: Byron Hooley • Driver: Jay Cross
Owner: Summit Pacing Acres LLC • Breeders: Lester Wagler, Christopher Raber

Two-Year-Old Colt/Gelding - 2:01.4 - 7/28/2015
ROLL IT (Southwind Elian - Tin Lizzy S)
Trainer/Driver: Carrie Hollman
Owner: Carrie Hollman • Breeder: Don Swartzentruber

Three-Year-Old Filly - 2:01.4 - 7/28/2015
JAZZYMOVE (Pinetucky - Spin Move)
Trainer/Driver: Lester Raber
Owner: Lester Raber • Breeder: John R. Stoll

Three-Year-Old Colt/Gelding - 1:59.4* - 7/28/2015
WESTWINDWILLY (Keystone Savage - Southwind Ultima)
Trainer/Driver: John Spotten-Morici
Owners: John Spotten-Morici, Susan Allehoff • Breeders: Alvin Schwartz, Thomas King

Statistics courtesy of USHWA Indiana - current through 5/1/2021
**PACING RECORDS**

**Two-Year-Old Filly - 1:59.4 • 9/25/2017, 7/26/2021**
ROSE RUN TONI (Jereme’s Jet - A And Gs Finest) • 2017 • Trainer/Driver: Don Eash
Owner: Eash Racing Stable Inc. • Breeder: Rose Run Farm

ROCKIN BAMBI (Rockin Image - Intelligence) • 2021 • Trainer/Driver: Terry Skinner
Owner: Ar’tarrius Fleming • Breeders: Broekhuis Stables LLC, Ernie Hochstetler

**Two-Year-Old Colt/Gelding - 1:58.1 • 9/25/2017**
TOWNLINE ALL GOOD (Always A Virgin - Good Morning Gal) • Trainer: Don Eash • Driver: Gerald Miller
Owner: Eash Racing Stable Inc. • Breeder: Elmer Yoder

**Three-Year-Old Filly - 1:56.1 • 7/19/2003**
MS ABBIEDANCER (Electric Yankee - Ms Indiana) • Trainer: Wilbur Eash • Driver: Jay Cross
Owners/Breeders: Barbara Fought, David Fought, Diana Eash, Wilbur Eash

**Three-Year-Old Colt/Gelding - 1:55.1 • 7/20/2019**
ER SAM (Shadyshark Hanover - Suzie Blue) • Trainer/Driver: Don Eash
Owner/Breeder: Eash Racing Stable Inc.

**All-Age - 1:54.1* • 7/24/2006**
ALLAMERICAN CAPTOR (Jate Lobell - Can Du River) • Trainer/Driver: Jay Cross
Owners: Dojea Stables • Breeders: Lewis Arno, Frederick Hertrich III

**TROTting RECORDS**

**Two-Year-Old Filly - 2:04.3 • 7/23/2016**
GUIDA’S GEISHA (Guida Muscle - Northern Daisy) • Trainer/Driver: Doug Rideout
Owners: Julie Rideout, Chris Gilbert • Breeder: Lone Star Stables

**Two-Year-Old Colt/Gelding - 2:03.3 • 9/25/2017**
J S PEYTON (Swan For All - Aucune Hanover) • Trainer: Jack Myers • Driver: Mike Peterson
Owner: Jack Myers Racing Stable LLC • Breeders: David Wayne Yoder, Daryl Dee Lehman

**Three-Year-Old Filly - 2:00.2 • 7/25/2017**
NAN’S QUEEN (Swan For All - Nantucket Harbor) • Trainer/Driver: Don Eash
Owner: Eash Racing Stable Inc. • Breeder: John R. Miller

**Three-Year-Old Colt/Gelding - 2:00.1 • 7/23/2019**
J-S SWANMAN (Swan For All - Belville) • Trainer: Jack Myers • Driver: LeWayne Miller
Owner: Jack Myers Racing Stable LLC • Breeder: Marvin R. Miller

**All-Age - 1:59* • 7/25/2016**
REMIND ME LATER (ABC Garland - Rapid Recall) • Trainer/Driver: Daryl Bontrager
Owner: Daryl Bontrager • Breeder: Lynn Wilfong

* Indicates all-age track record for given gait
**PACING RECORDS**

**Two-Year-Old Filly** - 1:58.3 - 9/21/2019
ER HARPER ROSE (Riggins - Hoponit)
Trainer/Driver: Don Eash
Owner/Breeder: Eash Racing Stable Inc.

FAST FREDDY JO JO (Time To Roll - O Lucky Me) - 2019
Trainer: Larry King • Driver: Mike Peterson
Owner: King Racing Stable • Breeder: Richard F. Fry

EL’S ROCKER (Rockin Image - Frequent Flyer) - 2020
Trainer/Driver: Mike Peterson
Owner: Mike Peterson • Breeder: Elmer Yoder

**Three-Year-Old Filly** - 1:56 - 9/21/2019
MISS FIRE (Straight Shooting - Miss Intuition)
Trainer: Larry King • Driver: Mike Peterson
Owners: King Racing Stable • Breeder: Alvin Schwartz

**Three-Year-Old Colt/Gelding** - 1:55.1* - 7/7/2018
ROCKIN SPEED (Rockin Image - Safta Perry)
Trainer: Joe Seekman • Driver: Jared Seekman
Owners: L & L Devisser LLC • Breeder: Victory Hill Farm Inc.

**TROTTING RECORDS**

**Two-Year-Old Filly** - 2:01.3 - 7/9/2013
JH PRETTY (Justice Hall - Bueno Sahbra)
Trainer: Gary Gilliland • Driver: Jay Cross
Owner: Gary Gilliland • Breeder: Midland Acres Inc.

**Two-Year-Old Colt/Gelding** - 2:01 - 7/15/2017
J S PEYTON (Swan For All - Aucune Hanover)
Trainer: Jack Myers • Driver: Alex Udell
Owner: Jack Myers Racing Stable LLC • Breeders: David Wayne Yoder, Daryl Dee Lehman

**Three-Year-Old Filly** - 1:59.2 - 10/8/2018
JAILHOUSE BUCKAROO (Jailhouse Jesse - Bad Buckaroo)
Trainer: Tim Gilliland • Driver: Doug Rideout
Owners/Breeders: Nat Hill IV, Patty Hill

**Three-Year-Old Colt/Gelding** - 1:58.3* - 7/10/2019
SILVER STAR TITAN (Airzoom Lindy - Tough Broad)
Trainer: Robert Wyman • Driver: Mike Peterson
Owner: Long Shot Racing Stable • Breeder: Mervin Lehman

* Indicates all-age track record for given gait

Statistics courtesy of USHWA Indiana - current through 5/1/2021
**PACING RECORDS**

Two-Year-Old Filly - 1:59.4 - 8/7/2006
- SOUTHLINA (Southsider - Albalina)
  - Trainer: Carl Cleek
  - Driver: Mike Hollenback
  - Owner: Carl Cleek
  - Breeder: John Schwartz

Two-Year-Old Colt/Gelding - 1:58 - 7/19/2021
- DP REALORDEAL (Real Desire - GD Lana)
  - Trainer: Bill Webb
  - Driver: Doug Rideout
  - Owner: Diamond D P Standardbreds
  - Breeders: Steven Peterink, Randy Dickerhoof

Three-Year-Old Filly - 1:58 - 6/23/2021
- SUNBURST KADA (Net Ten Eom - Fox Valley Backoff)
  - Trainer/Driver: Clay Craib
  - Owner: Triple R Stables
  - Breeder: Dave Mast

Three-Year-Old Colt/Gelding - 1:55.4* - 6/28/2021
- NORTHERN NETWORK (Net Ten Eom - Lets Go B B)
  - Trainer: Robert Taylor
  - Driver: Jordan Ross
  - Owner: Larry Poindexter
  - Breeder: Martin Schmucker

**TROTting RECORDS**

Two-Year-Old Filly - 2:03.2 - 10/13/2012, 9/1/2014, 6/28/2019
- J-S MISS SAVAGE (Keystone Savage - Even Dozen) - 2012
  - Trainer: Jack Myers
  - Driver: Andy Shetler
  - Owner: Jack Myers Racing Stable LLC
  - Breeder: Ernest Graber

- J-S MAPLE (Malabar Maple - A Student Hall) - 2014
  - Trainer: Jack Myers
  - Driver: Alex Udell
  - Owner: Jack Myers Racing Stable LLC
  - Breeder: Ben Schmucker

- J-S MISS CARLY (Guccio - Ciao Bela) - 2019
  - Trainer: Jack Myers
  - Driver: Alex Udell
  - Owner: Jack Myers Racing Stable LLC
  - Breeder: Luckiana Farm

Two-Year-Old Colt/Gelding - 2:03.1 - 10/9/2015
- MICKEYS HOUSE (Jailhouse Jesse - Mickey Lavec)
  - Trainer: Jeff Miller
  - Driver: Mike Peterson
  - Owners: Jeff Batt, Paul Perdue
  - Breeder: Midland Acres Inc.

Three-Year-Old Filly - 2:01 - 9/1/2014, 7/21/2015
- SOCIALDELIGHT (Keystone Savage - Social Climber) - 2014
  - Trainer: Byron Hooley
  - Driver: Matt Rheinheimer
  - Owner: Summit Pacing Acres LLC
  - Breeders: Sally Jo Richard, Jackie Richard, Menno Lengacher, Peter Lengacher

- CANTAB’S CHARM (Mr Cantab - Charmin) - 2015
  - Trainer: Frank Payne
  - Driver: Jay Cross
  - Owners: Frank Payne, Sherry Payne
  - Breeder: Hoosier Standardbred Farm

Three-Year-Old Colt/Gelding - 1:59.2* - 6/27/2019
- JESSE POPPER (Sing Jesse Sing - Kingsgold Hanover)
  - Trainer: Jack Myers
  - Driver: Alex Udell
  - Owner: Jack Myers Racing Stable LLC
  - Breeder: Benjamin Graber

* Indicates all-age track record for given gait

Statistics courtesy of USHWA Indiana - current through 7/21/2021
2022 College Assistance Requirements  
**Fall Semester**

Requirements for submitting a College Assistance Application

- Applicant / Parent / Grandparent or Guardian must be a 2022 ISA Member and hold a 2022 IHRC Standardbred License
- Applicant / Parent / Grandparent / or Guardian must be an Indiana resident by April 30, 2022
- Applicant must be working towards a 2-year associate’s, a 4-year bachelor’s degree, or a technical trade school.
- Applicant must be currently enrolled as either a part time or full time student
- Applicant must hold at least a 2.5 GPA

*College assistance award amount may vary per semester based on number of applicants received.*

The following items **must be returned to the I.S.A. Office to be eligible for College Assistance**

- Completed ISA College Assistance Application
- Copy of one of the following to verify Applicant / Parent / Grandparent or Guardian Indiana Residency: Indiana Driver's License, Indiana Voter's Registration or the first page of most recent Indiana State Tax Return
- Copy of the Applicant/Parent/Grandparent or Guardian’s IHRC Standardbred License
- Proof of 2022 Fall Registration from College/University or Trade School
- Verification of part time or full time student status
- Verification of most current GPA
- Letter of recommendation from a high school teacher or college professor
- Letter of recommendation from Standardbred affiliate (other than immediate family)
- Typewritten one (1) page essay that answers the question: “What are your educational goals, and how do you plan to apply your education in the horse-racing industry in Indiana upon graduation?”

***Applications will be evaluated by the ISA Scholarship Committee.***

A complete application and all the required attachments **must be postmarked by July 15th, 2022 for application to be considered.**

Please mail all required documents to:

The Indiana Standardbred Association  
311 American Legion Place  
Greenfield, IN 46140  
Attention: ISA Scholarship Committee

(For additional questions please contact the ISA Office at (800) 565-5725 or by email at isaracing@sbcglobal.net)
Please complete the entire application.

I. Personal Information

Name: ___________________________________________   Date of Birth: ___________________
(last)   (first)         (middle)

Address: _________________________________________________________________________
(street)     (city)   (state)  (zip)

Phone: ___________________________________________________________________________
(home)    (cell)    (school)

Email: __________________________________________________________

II. Academic Information

High School: ______________________________________________________________________
(name)    (complete address)

Date of Graduation: __________________ (mm/dd/year)

College or University you are planning to attend: _________________________________________

Your Current Grade Point Average (GPA): ______________________________________________

Degree & Major you are pursuing: ____________________________________________________

Career Objective: __________________________________________________________________

Scholastic Honors and/or Achievements: ______________________________________________

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Extra Curricular Activities – Discuss your interests other than horses. Include your involvement in community projects, hobbies, and organizations to which you belong to:

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III. Family Information

Father’s Name: ____________________________________________________________
Father’s Occupation: ________________________________________________________________
Mother’s Name: ____________________________________________________________________
Mother’s Occupation: _________________________________________________________________
Legal Guardian (if applicable) ________________________________________________________________

Applicant / Parent / Grandparent/ or Guardian’s name who holds a current ISA Membership and IHRC Standardbred License:   (Please provide IHRC License #)

IV. Work Experience

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V. Standardbred Industry Affiliation

Describe your background in the Standardbred Industry:
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Describe the work experience you have in the Standardbred Industry:
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Explain how you plan to be involved with Standardbreds after receiving your college education:
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What three words best describe your feelings about the Indiana Standardbred Industry:
__________________________________________________________________________________________
The Standardbred racing industry has not been affected yet by the Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority (HISA), but the wheels are in motion for the Thoroughbred industry. HISA launched its website in late May and all owners, trainers, grooms, track personnel, vendors, and others who are licensed with any state racing commission. All of these individuals are now required to register with HISA before the July 1 deadline.

HISA was implemented into federal law in 2020, much to the opposition by all horse racing organizations, including those involved in Standardbred racing. The act was implemented to enforce and unify safety and integrity rules in Thoroughbred racing in the United States. The authority is overseen by the Federal Trade Commission and has two programs, the racetrack safety program which goes into effect July 1 and the anti-doping and medication control, which will go into effect in January 2023.

Thoroughbred racetracks are now required to abide by all regulations by HISA, and anyone who has not fully registered with their organization by the deadline will not be allowed to race. In addition, tracks that do not abide by the regulations will risk having their simulcast-

ing privileges pulled until all fees and regulations are met. Part of the program being implemented in July will have stricter rules on whipping by jockeys, expanded reports by track veterinarians, and additional support and information from track superintendents, just to name a few of the new rules.

At this time, HISA does not apply to Standardbred, Quarter Horse, or any other racing equine breed. However, officials in the Standardbred industry are keeping close tabs on the program as it may encompass Standardbred racing in the future.

Horseshoe Indianapolis, which is under the Caesars Entertainment Racing umbrella, is currently working to get all personnel registered with HISA. In addition, horsemen are working to get all track employees and others involved in racing registered as well.

HISA is based out of Lexington, Ky. For more information on the new program, go to www.hisaus.org.
Please enroll me as a member of the Indiana Standardbred Association (ISA).

Membership Dues: **$50.00**

Please make checks payable to: **Indiana Standardbred Association or ISA**

Mail application to: **311 American Legion Place, Greenfield, IN 46140**

*ISA 2022 membership is effective from March 1, 2022 through February 28, 2023. Your dues to the ISA are not deductible as a charitable contribution. Please consult with your tax advisor to determine whether dues may be a deductible expense under another provision of the current tax law.*

Name: ____________________________________________________________

Address: __________________________________________________________

(Street) (City) (State) (Zip)

Phone: __________________________________________________________

(Home) (Cell)

2022 ISA Text Messaging Service

**The ISA will send surveys periodically to gather feedback from ISA Members about various topics throughout the year. These surveys will be sent by text with a link provided by surveymonkey**

I wish to ONLY receive ISA text messages ______________________________

I wish to receive BOTH ISA and Hoosier Park Race Office text messages____________________

The cell phone number to be provided for the service is __________________________

- I understand that my phone number will be kept in strict confidence by the ISA and the text messaging service provider.
- I further understand that I may opt-out of this service at any time.
- I further understand that standard text message rates will apply to any messages sent to me by the service provider.

_________________________  ______________________________
Date  Signature Required For Text Messaging Services
Benefits of an I.S.A. Paid Membership include:

- Sulky Insurance for “Paid 2022 ISA Members” at Indiana Pari-Mutuel Tracks and Indiana Fair Tracks. All owners of the damaged sulky or jog cart must be “Paid 2022 ISA Members” before the accident occurred. The driver, the trainer and all owners or lessees of the hitched horse to the damaged sulky or jog cart must be “Paid 2022 ISA Members” prior to the incident causing the damage. If the horse is owned by a stable, corporation or multiple owners, all members as well must be “Paid 2022 ISA Members”. The ISA offers a maximum of $2,000.00 per incident. Wheel coverage of $300.00 per wheel per incident. Contact the ISA office for further details (800) 565-5725.

- Subscription to the “Indiana Standardbred Magazine” (1 per household)

- Annual Indiana Standardbred Stallion Directory (1 per household)

- Representation of Association Issues before The IHRC and The Indiana Legislature

- Voting Privilege for By-Law Changes and the Election of your ISA Directors

- On-Site Track Representation at Hoosier Park Racing & Casino

- Eligibility to the ISA Elite Series

- ISA Dental and Optical Program (eligibility requirements apply and are listed on the Dental/Optical Insurance Application)

- Text Messaging Service
2022 Eligibility Requirements

You must meet ALL FOUR requirements

➢ You must be an Indiana Resident
➢ You must be over eighteen (18) years of age
➢ You must be a 2022 ISA Member
➢ You must have EITHER a 2022 IHRC (Indiana Horse Racing Commission) Standardbred License OR be listed as an Indiana Breeder on record with the IHRC (**Hoosier Park Employee Licenses are not eligible**)

Note: Applications for Dental/Optical Insurance coverage MUST be completed every year with application for ISA Membership to continue coverage or to enroll in the program.

BIRTHDATE_________________IHRC License #__________________________

CHECK BOX IF YOU ARE AN INDIANA BREEDER

*You must be on the current IHRC registered mare owner list to qualify as a breeder*

Name_______________________________________________________________

Address_____________________________________________________________

Signature: __________________________________________________________________

✦ Signature must be provided to be enrolled to the ISA Dental/Optical Insurance Program.

✦ If your 2022 ISA Membership and Dental/Optical Application is not received by June 1st, 2022, your insurance will be terminated.

✦ New enrollees and/or terminated members are subject to a 60 day waiting period.

The Indiana Standardbred Association
311 American Legion Place
Greenfield, IN 46140
Toll-free (800) 565-5725~Office (317) 462-6616~Fax (317) 462-7240
2022 Indiana Standardbred
Foal Registration

Must be postmarked within 30 days of the foaling date and be out of a 2021 IHRC Registered Mare for Foals of 2022

LATE REGISTRATION FEE: $200
For Foals not registered within 30-days of foaling with IHRC, a late fee will be assessed. Late registrations will be accepted until December 31st of weanling year.

If you fax this Foal Registration Form, be sure to keep a fax receipt for your records. Forms submitted electronically will not be processed until complete registrations fees are received. Be sure to write the foal's Dam name on the check when mailing it to IHRC.

Foal Information: (Please fill-out information completely)

Indiana Registered Dam Name: 
Foal's Sire Name: 

Dam's Freeze Brand: 

Foal's Color and Markings: 
Date Foaled: 

Month / Day / 2022

Foal's Sex: 
FILLY OR COLT

Owner Information: (Please fill-out information completely)

Foal Owned by: 
Full Mailing Address (All registration confirmations are sent to owners):

_______________________________________________________
_______________________________________________________

Phone Number: 
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Email: 
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Farm information: (Please fill-out information completely)

Name of Farm where foal was born and can be inspected:

Address (number, street, city): 
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ZIP Code: 

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I, the undersigned, do hereby make application for foal registration for the above foal for the year 2022. I understand and agree that the above foal was born in Indiana, and at no time from August 1, 2021 through the time of foaling was the dam of the foal removed from the State of Indiana. This registration is subject to all rules and conditions established by the Indiana Horse Racing Commission.

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